

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRACT LABOUR SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of godowns of Food Corporation of India and the number of godowns where contract labour system is still being followed;
- (b) whether facilities as provided in the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 are being provided in godowns where contract labour system is still being followed;
- (c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government or the corporation to enforce the above said provisions;
- (d) whether the Government propose to abolish Contract Labour System from these godowns; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore particularly not following the recommendations of Report of G.C. Asnani Committee to abolish the Contract Labour System?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S. SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

- (a) Presently, 975 depots/centres of the Food Corporation of India, out of total number of 1412 depots/centres, are operating under the Contract Labour System for handling and transportation of foodgrains.
- (b) & (c) : The handling and transport contractors are required to strictly adhere to the provisions of all Acts including the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970. To ensure implementation/adherence of these provisions, the concerned enforcement authorities of the Government also undertake periodical inspections in the establishments of the Food Corporation of India.
- (d) & (e) : In view of the sporadic and seasonal nature of work in the Food Corporation of India godowns, it is not considered essential to abolish Contract Labour System in every depot/godown of the Food Corporation of India, particularly when engagement of labour under Contract System is permissible under the law.